

REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following groups:

- Group I.** Claims 1-16 and 18-19, drawn to a method of coating; and
Group II. Claim 17, drawn to a medical device with a coating.

In response, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-16 and 18-19, in this application. Applicant fully reserves his right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claim in a subsequent application.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this response. Should any fee be due, please charge any such fee for this submission to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

Respectfully submitted,

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